

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 526 - SB 871

March 28 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens eligibility for HOPE scholarships to include certain entering freshmen, who graduated from out-of-state secondary schools accredited similarly to schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), provided such entering freshmen meet all other eligibility requirements. Applies to qualifying students entering higher education institutions in the 2013-2014 academic year and thereafter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 17, 2013, a fiscal note was issued for this bill with an estimated fiscal impact of:

*Increase State Expenditures – \$20,000/FY13-14/Lottery for Education Account
\$32,000/FY14-15/Lottery for Education Account
Exceeds \$32,000/FY15-16 and Subsequent Fiscal Years/
Lottery for Education Account*

On March 28, 2013, we received additional information from the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC). Based on this new information, the fiscal impact has been changed. The corrected fiscal impact is estimated to be:

(CORRECTED)

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), the only comparable accreditation to accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is another regional accrediting agency which would be included in the current definition of regional accrediting agency.

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- According to TSAC, Tennessee residents may currently attend an out-of-state boarding school that is regionally accredited and qualify for the HOPE scholarship. Therefore, no additional students will be eligible to receive a HOPE scholarship or award.
- No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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